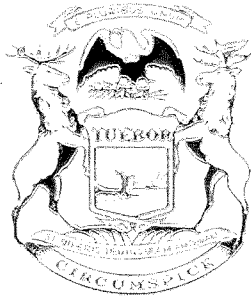


STATE OF MICHIGAN



Executive
Office

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
do hereby proclaim May 2007, as

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Whereas, The State of Michigan is fortunate to have over 208,000 citizens of Asian and Pacific Island descent among its population; and,

Whereas, They have made, and continue to make, significant economic, social and political contributions to our society; and,

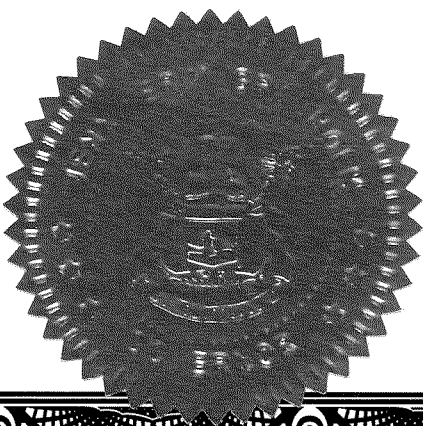
Whereas, Individuals of Asian and Pacific Island origin are a diverse and complex community representing over 30 nations and adherents to the major religions of the world including Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism; and,

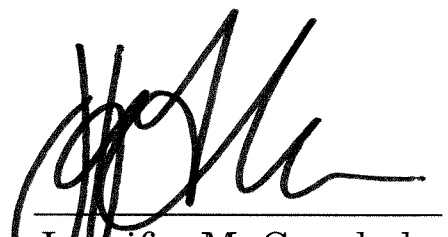
Whereas, Many Asian Pacific American organizations such as the American Citizens for Justice, Asian American Bar Association, Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce, Asian Pacific Women's Association, Council of Asian Pacific Americans, and the Mid-Michigan Asian Pacific American Association encourage dedication and commitment to the enlightenment and education of all citizens in Michigan about both the needs and the opportunities that the Asian and Pacific Islander community represents; and,

Whereas, Asian Pacific American citizens, through advocating issues of justice and equity, continue to break down the barriers of discrimination, indifference and intolerance, thereby making it possible for all Asian Pacific Americans to move to the forefront of social, cultural, political and economic arenas; and

Whereas, The State of Michigan is proud of its cultural diversity and welcomes the opportunity to honor our Asian Pacific American citizens for their commitment to leadership, dedication to knowledge, and determination to succeed; and now therefore be it,

Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim May 2007, as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Michigan, and I encourage all citizens to recognize the many accomplishments and contributions that Asian Pacific Americans have made to our state, nation and world.




Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor